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DIARY NOTES

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1. Des FitzGerald called and talked with John Clarke and me about the reduction in Cuba operations. He said that he and [redacted] 25X1 had made a more thorough analysis of the situation and had concluded 25X1 that they could take [redacted] and still have access to the entire 25X1 [redacted] Any larger cut would require them to dispose of some facilities, which would preclude access to the entire island. I told him that I felt he need do no more about this at the moment. We can use this as a good argument with the Bureau of the Budget, but we will have to wait until we know how much money we are going to get before we can make any allocations.

25X1 2. [redacted] telephoned to report that an aide to the Governor of Virginia had called to request that the Governor be invited to hunt 25X1 [redacted] I asked Bob to try to talk the aide out of this and to let me know if he cannot, since I think we would probably want to send someone to brief the Governor and explain to him that this is a CIA installation and that we would prefer he not ask us for permission to hunt there.

25X1 3. I asked [redacted] to arrange a briefing for me on the 16 percent attrition rate, adding up to [redacted] in the Office 25X1 of the Director during 1965.

4. Dick Helms and I met with Bud Wheelon on Bud's draft R&D directive. Dick felt that the paper as written would invite massive resistance and wondered whether we could write a paper which would not give people the feeling that we are about to take them over completely. Bud explained that there are three ways by which he thought we could accomplish the Director's objective: (a) à la the Air Force, which has taken over everything and does all R&D in the Air Force from belt buckles to ICBM's; (b) the system used by NRO; or (c) the system used by Department of Defense Research and Engineering, which is the approach Bud's paper takes. Bud made it clear that he is not terribly anxious to take on this chore and that there might be several better ways to say the same thing. He was emphatic, however, that he wants the Director, Dick, and me to understand the authority which he feels is necessary for him or anyone else to have to accomplish the Director's objective. He alluded to "snow fences"

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already being built by DD/P and NPIC which have to be removed, etc. Dick decided that at the Morning Meeting on Friday, 26 November, he would announce that he proposes to call a meeting in a few days of those officers directly concerned with R&D and to invite the Deputies to attend if they care to do so. At that time he will lay down some ground rules and get their reactions, after which we can decide what kind of paper we should write. Bud specifically mentioned that
25X1 he felt [redacted] TSD and the whole NPIC R&D program need immediate attention. I suggested that we handle these problems on an ad hoc basis, and I am obligated to do something on this immediately after Dick makes his initial announcement.

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25X1 5. [redacted] reported to me on a conversation he had
25X1 with [redacted] yesterday as a result of a request from DD/S for the services of one of the secretaries in [redacted]
25X1 shop. [redacted] was at a loss to explain why but reported that [redacted] had 25X1
said someone was apparently out to get him or, worse yet, the Director. I don't want to reveal my source but think that we should keep up
25X1 our antennae if [redacted] is on this kind of wicket before he takes over the office. I can only assume that this might have been his reaction to some hair-shirt treatment I gave him a little earlier in the day.

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7. Bud Wheelon, Dick Helms, and I discussed Bud's paper on staffing responsibility for the NRO. Actually, we did not read the paper. I merely said that I wanted to understand whether the DD/S&T
25X1 or [redacted] had the responsibility for supporting the Director in his NRO role and coordination with interested Agency components.

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Bud gave his explanation, which separated the responsibility for coordination within the Agency and dealing with the Community from the role [redacted] would play as the Director's staff officer for overhead reconnaissance. Actually, the way Bud described it, I see little for [redacted] to do except to carry the Director's bag when he goes to the NRO Executive Committee Meeting. Dick asked Bud to write a substantive paper on how he thinks this should be done and to give it to him without coordinating it with anyone. Dick will then undertake to clarify this matter with the Director.

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8. During a meeting with Dick Helms and me, Bud Wheelon again raised the question about obtaining Peer deSilva as Jack Ledford's deputy with the understanding that Peer would replace Jack sometime next spring. Dick undertook to explore this with the Director.

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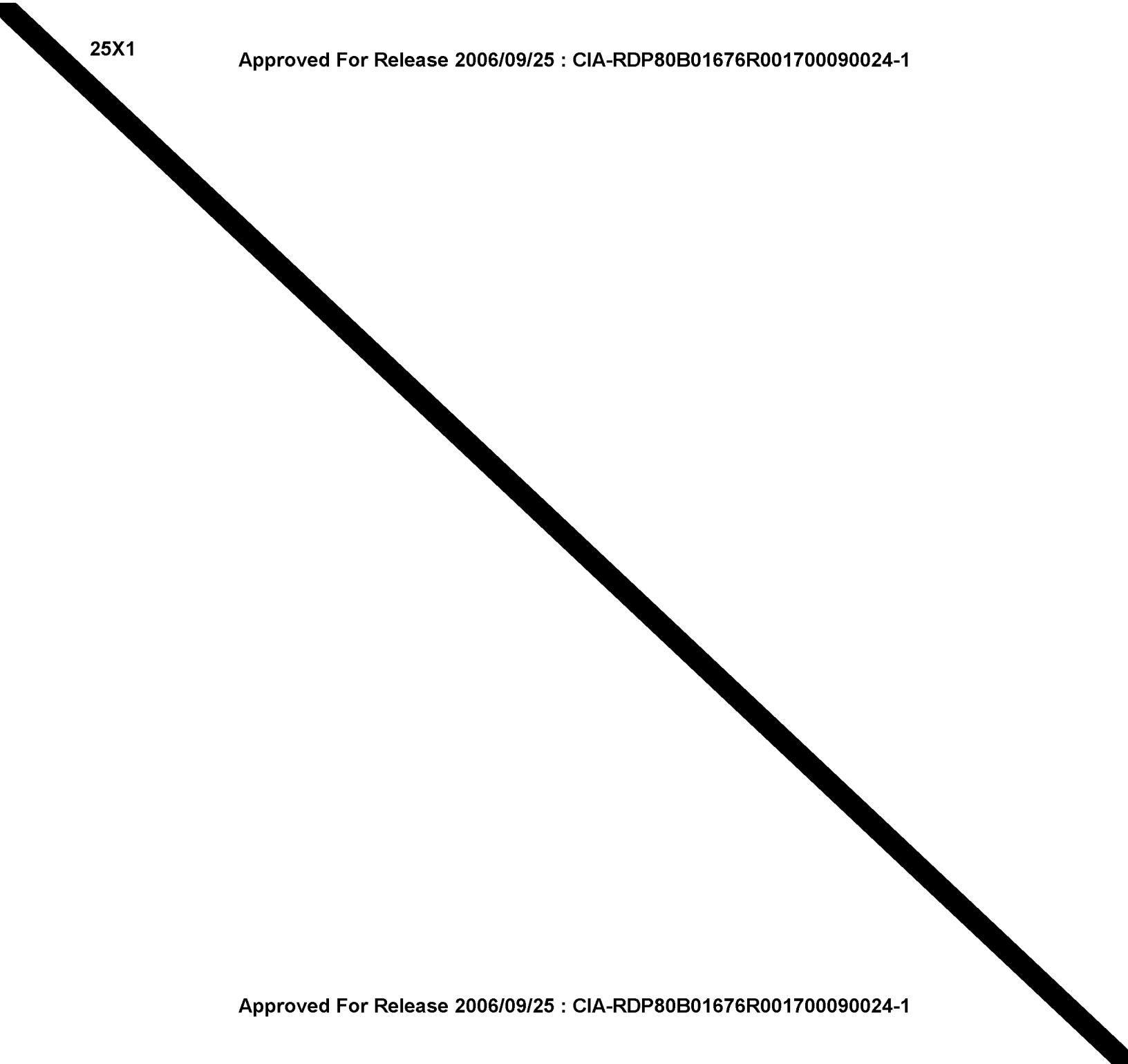

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